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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 11744

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: KAGNEW FOUR: FAMILY APPEALS

1. ACTING FONMIN GETACHEW KILBRET CALLED AMBASSADOR

AT 11:00 A.M.

TODAY TO SAY EPMG HAD DECIDED TO BROADCAST FAMILY APPEAL (ADDIS 11370) AND WOULD DO SO ONCE EACH IN TIGRE AND TIGRINYA LANGUAGES OVER RADIO ASMARA. EPMG WISHED TO WAIT AND "SEE ANY REACTION" FOR A FEW DAYS BEFORE REPEATING BROADCAST. AMB URGED THAT IN VIEW OF EARLIER THREAT TO EXECUTE PRISONERS OCT 3, BROADCASTS BE MADE THIS EVENING ON RERULARLY SCHEDULED ASMARA PROGRAMS. GETACHEW WAS NOT SURE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING TRANSLATIONS, COULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME BUT SAID HE WOULD TRY.

2. GETACHEW SAID EPMG WISHED TO SUGGEST SOME MINOR CHANGES IN WORDING. THESE CONSISTED OF CHANGES IN (1) FIRST SENTENCE OF LEAD-IN ANNOUNCEMENT TO CHANGE FROM "AMERICAN PRISONER CAPTURED NEAR ASMARA BY ERITREAN SEPARATISTS" TO "AMERICAN CITIZENS ABDUCTED NEAR ASMARA"; (2) DELETION IN NEXT SENTENCE OF "ERITREAN SEPARATISTS" AND SUBSTITUTION OF "ABDUCTORS"; (3) IN TEXT APPROVED BY FAMILIES, "PRISONER" IS CHNAGED TO "HOSTAGE/" THROUGHOUT; (4) ALSO IN FAMILY TEXT: "NONE...HAS DONE ANYTHING AGAINST THE INTEREST OF ANYONE", DELETING FINAL PHRASE "IN THIS COUNTRY".

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3. AMB SAID THAT IN INTEREST OF SPEED, AND URGENCY OF
BROADCASTING THIS EVENING IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR APPROVING ABOVE CHANGES.
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